

Appl. No. 10/017,894

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In The Abstract:

In place of the current Abstract, substitute therefor the amended Abstract written as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ Prefastened absorbent articles (20) ~~including one or more of several improvement features. The articles can be made to be~~ prefastened by having a singular fastening mechanism that includes an oversized fastener (60) to provide stability between the front waist region and the back waist region and to maintain the prefastened configuration. The prefastened absorbent ~~articles of the invention~~ can include a multiple property fastener (60) that has at least one engagement zone (65) and at least one non-abrasive zone (67).

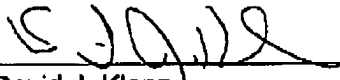
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If the Examiner has any questions or if there are any remaining issues that can be handled by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (920) 721-4558.

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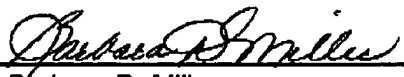
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